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COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM CERTAIN MEMBER STATES CONCERNING THEIR POLICIES REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF PLUTONIUM

1. The Director General has received a note verbale, dated 31 March 1998, from the Permanent Mission to the IAEA of Switzerland. In keeping with Switzerland's commitment under the Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium (contained in INFCIRC/549 of 16 March 1998 and hereinafter referred to as the "Guidelines"), and with reference to the statement on the policies which the Government of Switzerland has decided to apply to the management of plutonium (contained in INFCIRC/549/Add.4), the government of Switzerland, in the enclosure of the note verbale of 31 March 1998, makes available the annual figures for holdings of civil unirradiated plutonium and the estimated amounts of plutonium contained in spent civil reactor fuel.

2. In light of the request expressed by Switzerland in its note verbale of 1 December 1997 concerning its policies regarding the management of plutonium (INFCIRC/549 of 16 March 1998), the text of the enclosure of the note verbale of 31 March 1998 is attached for the information of all Member States.

For reasons of economy, this document has been printed in a limited number.

ANNEX B

SWITZERLAND

ANNUAL FIGURES FOR HOLDINGS OF CIVIL UNIRRADIATED PLUTONIUM

National Totals

as of 31 Dec 1997

	Previous year's figures in brackets) Rounded to 100 kg plutonium with quantities less than 50kg reported as such
1. Unirradiated separated plutonium in product stores at reprocessing plants.	- (-)
2. Unirradiated separated plutonium in the course of manufacture or fabrication and plutonium contained in unirradiated semi-fabricated or unfinished products at fuel or other fabricating plants or elsewhere.	- (-)
3. Plutonium contained in unirradiated MOX fuel or other fabricated products at reactor sites or elsewhere.	600 kg (100 kg)
4. Unirradiated separated plutonium held elsewhere.	100 kg (< 50 kg)

Note:

(i) Plutonium included in lines 1-4 above belonging to foreign bodies.	< 50 kg (100 kg)
(ii) Plutonium in any of the forms in lines 1-4 above held in locations in other countries and therefore not included above.	- (-)
(iii) Plutonium included in lines 1-4 above which is in international shipment prior to ist arrival in the recipient State.	- (-)

ANNEX C

SWITZERLAND

ESTIMATED AMOUNTS OF PLUTONIUM CONTAINED IN SPENT CIVIL REACTOR FUEL

National Totals as of 31 Dec 1997

	(Previous year's figures in brackets) Rounded to 1000kg plutonium with quantities less than 500kg reported as such
1. Plutonium contained in spent fuel at civil reactor sites.	6000kg (7000kg)
2. Plutonium contained in spent fuel at reprocessing plants.	- (-)
3. Plutonium contained in spent fuel held elsewhere.	- (-)

Note:

i) The treatment of material sent for direct disposal will need further consideration when specific plans for direct disposal have taken concrete form.

ii) Definitions:

- Line 1: covers estimated amounts of plutonium contained in fuel discharged from civil reactors;

- Line 2: covers estimated amounts of plutonium contained in fuel received at reprocessing plants but not yet reprocessed.

iii) Plutonium contained in spent fuel sent for reprocessing and held in locations in other countries. (This plutonium may be in the form of line 2 above or in any of the forms of lines 1-3 of Annex B.) 5000kg (6000kg)